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RED REUNION

JOHN MCKAY



**A**s you read this issue's cover story about innovations in the legal profession, I hope you get a sense of Seattle University School of Law's growing entrepreneurial spirit as we collaborate to create new, cutting-edge programs and courses for our students and alumni.

From our new Introduction to Practice class for 1Ls this spring to an intensive summer certificate program for lawyers focused in intellectual property, we're continually looking for transformative ways to educate and train great lawyers.

The IP program is part of our Summer Practice Academy, the most comprehensive attorney training program in the state, which returns for its second year. In addition to the IP certificate course, we're bringing back our successful programs in trial advocacy, Indian law, health law, and legal writing this summer. I hope you'll take advantage of these fabulous opportunities to enhance your practice and hone your skills.

One of the most original ventures we've ever undertaken is our Alaska Satellite Campus, which will give students the opportunity to spend their third year in Alaska (the only state without its own law school). I started 2015 by celebrating the formal launch of the program, which is currently enrolling 3Ls from across the country for this fall. I was honored to have Seattle University President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., join me on a trip to Anchorage. His father, George, was one of the drafters of the Alaska Constitution, and it was fitting for President Sundborg to be there as we move forward with another historic opportunity for the state of Alaska and for our law school.

Our outstanding faculty members continue to produce exceptional scholarship and play important roles as public intellectuals. I'm so proud of them all, and I want to particularly congratulate Professor Steven Bender on the publication of his latest book from NYU Press: "Mea Culpa: Lessons on Law and Regret from U.S. History."

We recognize the importance of reflecting on our history as we look forward to the future. A perfect place for such reflection is at our RED Reunion on Saturday, April 18. We'll celebrate the classes of '77, '87, '97, and '07 and forge connections between our graduates and our first-year students from the class of '17. Our alumni have a breadth of experience and talent to share with our enthusiastic and driven students.

I'm exhilarated by the prospects these changing times present to Seattle University School of Law, and I relish the opportunity to lead our law school and to work with you, our wonderful alumni community.

Best,

Annette Clark '89  
Dean and Professor of Law



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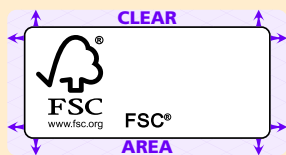
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embracing the technology and tools that will eventually change the way  
lawyers work. Photo by Marcus Donner.

# Retiring faculty made a difference to legions of students

Three faculty members who were instrumental in shaping and diversifying Seattle University School of Law will retire at the end of the academic year. Professors Paula Lustbader '88, Henry "Hank" McGee and John Mitchell have changed the lives of countless students during their decades with the law school.

"It's impossible to convey how much Professors Lustbader, McGee, and Mitchell have contributed to the life of the law school. They have left their indelible marks on our community and in the lives of thousands of students. They can't be replaced, and we are forever grateful."

**Dean Annette E. Clark '89**



## Professor Paula Lustbader '88

Co-founder and director of the Academic Resource Center, Professor Paula Lustbader is a passionate advocate for opening law school to members of underrepresented groups and diversifying the legal profession.

Wearing her trademark purple and bringing her infectious enthusiasm, she has greeted "ARCies" every summer since 1989, introducing them to law school and supporting them throughout to ensure their success. Through her innovative work in providing instruction, support, and mentorship, she has been instrumental in changing the face of the legal profession.

For her steadfast commitment, she received the 2015 Academic Support Award from the Association of American Law Schools.

Lustbader is a nationally recognized leader, scholar, and speaker on law school academic support programs, learning theory, teaching methods, and diversity. In addition to being the past chair of both the Teaching Methods and Academic Support Sections of the AALS, she was a frequent program organizer and presenter at conferences and has made presentations on teaching in England, Switzerland, and Spain.

She was the co-recipient of the Washington State Bar Association Award for Excellence in Diversity and received the Loren Miller Bar Association President's Award for her work to increase the diversity of the legal profession.

In recent years, Lustbader has begun to address issues of civility. She is the president and creator of Robert's Fund, which has partnered with the law school to offer The Promise of Civility continuing education seminars in Seattle and Tuscany, Italy.





## Professor Henry “Hank” McGee

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From his representation of civil rights demonstrators in Chicago in 1964 to his 2015 lecture about the displacement of African Americans in Portland, Professor Henry McGee has dedicated his career to issues of equal justice. A civil rights pioneer, he was the first professor of color to join the tenured faculty when he arrived in 1994.

During the last 20 years, he has continually engaged students in issues regarding gentrification, displacement of minorities, and community development in his courses on land use, housing, and environmental law.

McGee joined the faculty from the University of California/Los Angeles, where he served as director of the Center for Afro-American Studies and as director of the LL.M. program. Other career highlights include serving as a county prosecutor in Chicago, a litigator in Chicago, a civil rights attorney in Mississippi, and regional director of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity Legal Services Program.

His has won many accolades over his career. A Fulbright professor at the University of Madrid (Complutense) in 1982, he won a second Fulbright to the university in 2002. For his lifetime of work, he received the 2011 Clyde Ferguson Award from the Association of American Law Schools, which recognizes a career of outstanding achievement.

McGee has visited and taught at universities in Europe, Latin America, and South Africa and served as a fellow of the Mexican Academy of Private International and Comparative Law.



## Professor John Mitchell

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When he was installed as the William C. Oltman Professor for Teaching Excellence in 2011, Professor John Mitchell’s lecture centered on the gifts teaching had brought to him: the gift of community, the gift of fun, and the gift of hope.

His talk was as his lectures in class often are: animated, humorous, touching, and involving the use of a prop. Many students recall him holding the last class of the semester in a common area of the law school, where they listened to him while they were comfortably sprawled on the floor. That attitude made him a respected and beloved teacher and scholar. Students selected him four times to be their faculty graduation speaker.

Mitchell’s scholarly expertise lies in trial advocacy, criminal law, and evidence. He has been affiliated with the law school since 1981, joined the clinical faculty in 1991, and served two years as clinic director. Over the past two decades, Mitchell has taught courses in evidence, forensics, criminal procedure, and advocacy.

He and his co-authors have published several editions of “Pretrial Advocacy: Planning, Analysis, and Strategy,” “Trial Advocacy: Planning, Analysis, and Strategy,” and “Trial Advocacy: Assignments and Case Files.”

His wide-ranging career before joining the faculty included criminal litigation in San Francisco, serving as a consultant and director of legal training for the Seattle office of Perkins Coie, and consultant to public and private defense attorneys concerning trial, motions, and appellate strategies.



## Law school honors Justice Mary Yu's service with Woman of the Year award

In recognition of her commitment to equal justice and her community service, Washington State Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu is the School of Law's 2015 Woman of the Year. She was recognized by the law school and the Women's Law Caucus at a luncheon at the Rainier Club.

In addition to her accomplishments on the bench, Justice Yu is recognized for her dedication to improving access to justice and her mentorship of students and young lawyers.

"She inspires those around her with her ideals and values, her commitment to the rule of law and our system of justice, her belief in the dignity and value of every human being, and her insistence that those in the legal profession work for justice and serve the least among us," Dean Annette E. Clark said. "She inspires

us to be better people, better lawyers, and better citizens."

Appointed by Gov. Jay Inslee on May 1, 2014, and elected in November, Justice Yu joined the Supreme Court after more than 14 years as a King County Superior Court judge.

Justice Yu urged the audience to do three things: Be people of hope, have the courage to speak up, and live a life fulfilled. Lawyers, she said, have the privilege of serving others, and the chance "to change the world wherever we might be."

Justice Yu thanked Clark and the law school.

"This is truly an honor because it comes from Seattle U, which has a special place in my heart," Yu said. "For who you are and what you do for the community, I thank you, Seattle U."



**Above:** "To be a lawyer is to serve others," Justice Mary Yu told the audience in her acceptance speech. **Below:** 2L Claire McNamara is one of two students who received a Women's Law Caucus Scholarship. 2L Norma Gonzalez also received a scholarship but was unable to attend. Photos by Matt Hagen.





## Major death penalty cost study draws broad attention

An in-depth study by Professor from Practice Robert Boruchowitz and professors from Seattle University found costs related to pursuing the death penalty are about 1.4 to 1.5 times more than in cases in which a prosecutor does not seek death.

Combining all cost categories, the average cost of a death penalty case is \$3.07 million, compared to \$2.01 million (in 2010 dollars) for cases in which the prosecutor does not seek death. Adjusted to 2014 dollars, that difference is \$1.15 million.

These are among the conclusions of the seven-month study, "An Analysis of the Economic Costs of Seeking the Death Penalty in Washington State." It's the most rigorous empirical study done on the costs of the death penalty in Washington, say the principal authors, Boruchowitz from the School of Law and Professor Peter Collins from the Criminal Justice Department.

The purpose was to estimate the costs associated with pursuit of the death penalty, as compared to cases where the death penalty was not sought, for aggravated first-degree murder cases in Washington. The study was limited to economic cost estimation only. It was completed to provide accurate estimates to inform debate and decision-making by policy makers and the public.

The report attracted widespread media coverage regionally and nationally.

**Read the report at**  
[www.law.seattleu.edu/deathpenaltyreport](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/deathpenaltyreport)



*Dean Annette E. Clark '89, President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., and Executive Director Stephanie Nichols '06, thanked supporters at a reception in Anchorage in January.*

## Alaska satellite campus readies for first students in Anchorage this fall

After years of planning, third-year law students will study and work in Anchorage this fall through Seattle University School of Law's Alaska Satellite Campus.

"The satellite campus fills a need for Alaskan students and the Alaska legal community," Dean Annette E. Clark '89 said.

The initiative allows SU students from Alaska to spend their summers and entire third year in their home state after two years in Seattle. Third-year students from other law schools also are welcome to enroll in the program in Alaska, the only state without its own law school.

Professor Christian Halliburton will be the first Seattle U Law faculty member to teach in the program, which will also rely on the expertise of Alaska practitioners as adjunct faculty.

Stephanie Nichols '06, who grew up in Fairbanks, has overseen the development of the satellite campus.

"I am thrilled to be a part of something of such great historical significance in my home state," Nichols said. "It is a privilege to be working in Alaska alongside my fellow Alaskans and to be creating opportunities for the people and state of Alaska."

Clark and Seattle University President Stephen Sundborg S.J., whose family has deep roots in Alaska, visited with state leaders and alumni in January. Scholarships are available to Alaskans to study at Seattle U School of Law through an endowment made possible by George and Mary Sundborg, the president's late parents. George was one of the drafters of the Alaska State Constitution and helped pave the way for statehood.

**Read more about the program at** [www.law.seattleu.edu/anchorage](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/anchorage)



Attorney Stan Perkins '85, who (center) supports the Low Bono Incubator program, with this year's incubator attorneys: from left, John Varga '12, Max Gibbs-Ruby '14, Melissa Eckstrom '14, and Jon Quittner '14. Photo by Marcus Donner.

### Washington State Supreme Court in Sullivan Hall

The law school was honored to have the Washington Supreme Court in its building for two days in March. In addition to hearing oral arguments, the justices talked with students, visited classes, and attended a reception. The traveling court program is a regular outreach effort that allows people to see the court in action in their local communities, away from its usual home in Olympia.



Justice Steve Gonzalez answers a question during a session with students while his fellow justices and Dean Annette Clark listen.

### Newest Low Bono Incubator attorneys get their practices off the ground

Four recent graduates are starting their own practices and serving clients of moderate means with the support of the Low Bono Incubator Program, run through the Access to Justice Institute. Now in its second year, the Incubator provides selected new attorneys financial assistance and guidance as they “incubate” a law practice for 12 months. A low bono practice is built around serving clients of moderate means by offering reduced-fee legal services.

Stan Perkins '85, a successful personal injury attorney, is again providing funding and mentorship for the new attorneys.

#### This year's Incubator attorneys are:

- **Melissa Eckstrom '14**, who will focus on family law and criminal defense. Her goal is to assist in all aspects of family law and represent individuals with misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor charges.
- **Max Gibbs-Ruby '14**, who is setting up a general law low bono practice focusing on family law, public benefits, immigration, non-profit law, and specifically working to increase access to justice and advocacy for clients from a variety of racial, socio-economic, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic, religious, linguistic, and disability backgrounds.
- **Jon Quittner '14**, who is setting up a low bono practice in Long Beach, Wash., with the goal of assisting the unserved population in Pacific County, where there are few attorneys. He will focus on elder law because of the large percentage of elderly people in the area, as well as landlord/tenant, criminal defense, and family law.
- **John Varga '12**, a veteran, intends to represent veterans, providing assistance with benefits, estate planning, and family law. He will be based in Seattle but will travel to areas with a high percentage of veterans and active military.



## Students, faculty research laws that criminalize homelessness

In an effort to protect the rights of homeless people, a group of Seattle University School of Law students are creating a comprehensive analysis of nuisance laws and other municipal measures that effectively make it a crime to be homeless.

The Homeless Rights Advocacy Project is housed in the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality and led by Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills Sara Rankin. The goal is to provide important legal guidance for both state and national debates about the rights of homeless adults and children and to serve the community by partnering with other organizations working to end homelessness. The students in Rankin's practicum will release their comprehensive policy briefs in May. Rankin expects their analysis to be the most comprehensive in the country.

Thirty-eight first-year students are also participating in HRAP by researching what's known as the "necessity defense" against anti-homelessness laws. Other Seattle U Law students can also participate in HRAP as paid research assistants, as program fellows, or as volunteers in various community outreach efforts.

"The dream is to create a database of homelessness resources," Rankin said. "These are not scholarly resources; this is meant as advocacy. These policy briefs that the students are creating are meant to be used to overturn or prevent the enactment of anti-homeless laws."

## Scholarly discussion fills the law school

Workshops and events organized by the School of Law drew scholars from around the country to Sullivan Hall.

Fifteen scholars presented and shared works at the third Pacific Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (PIPS III) organized by Professor Margaret Chon. Associate Professor Brooke Coleman put together the Northwest Junior Faculty Forum for faculty from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii. Professors Steve Bender and Robert Chang helped bring Federal Appellate Court Judge Todd M. Hughes to the law school for a candid and insightful conversation about life, law, and judging.

Next month, Bender will present a lecture based on his latest book, "Mea Culpa: Lessons on Law and Regret from U.S. History."

## Summer Practice Academy 2015 offers broad programs

There is no more comprehensive training program for lawyers in Washington than the law school's Summer Practice Academy, which will again offer intensive courses and certificate programs in a variety of practical areas.

*This summer's offerings:*

### **Advanced Trial Advocacy Institute**

*June 15-19 • (30.5 CLE credits pending)*

Designed by national experts Professors Marilyn Berger and Ron Clark, the Advanced Trial Advocacy Institute offers a proven approach to trial practice combined with premier trial principles and strategies for every phase of trial.

### **Mastering Legal Writing Certificate Program**

*June 24, 25, and 26 • (18 CLE credits pending)*

The law school opens its No. 1 ranked Legal Writing Program to the legal community with this program, providing an exceptional experience tailored specifically for practicing attorneys.

### **Indian Law Certificate Program**

*July 8, 9, and 10 • (13.75 CLE credits pending)*

This year's program focuses on Tribal Law: Governance and Leadership, and is taught by Indian law experts.

### **Intellectual Property Certificate Program**

*July 22-24 • (18 CLE credits pending)*

This cutting-edge program developed by John Denkenberger '95 and Brian McMahon of Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness covers practical and advanced issues in IP Law.

### **Health Law Certificate Program**

*August 18 - 20 • (17.25 CLE credits pending)*

Topics for the 2015 program include health law basics and the aging population.

**Learn more at [www.law.seattleu.edu/summerpracticeacademy](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/summerpracticeacademy)**

# THE RULE OF LAW:

## *More powerful than Kalashnikov rifles*

BY JOHN MCKAY

**I**t was March 2013 and I peered anxiously at CNN showing live scenes from Ramallah, where President Obama was making his first visit as President of the United States.

Sunlit stone buildings set amidst palm trees and steep rocky canyons so common to the Middle East but so new to me. Was that a coffee shop with people casually sipping espresso at outdoor tables? Well, that didn't look too bad, not bad at all considering it was a place of seemingly endless conflict, violence, and military occupation.

I continued to look closely at the television to what would soon become my home for the next two years. Two short months later, I would take leave from the law faculty to lead the U.S. State Department (INL) rule of law program supporting Palestinian public prosecutors, police, and security services.



So why was I abandoning my students, friends, and family in Seattle and heading to live and work in the midst of a 50-year military occupation, complete with its history of war, rebellion, heinous acts of terrorism, imprisonment, repression, and assassinations? As my mission here draws to a close, my report to the Law School and Seattle University community shows that gratitude has replaced trepidation and I have a renewed sense of the importance of the rule of law, especially where the political process fails and the threat of violence becomes all too real. I am grateful, indeed, for the opportunity to work with dedicated Palestinian judges, prosecutors, police, and defense lawyers who believe that the rule of law is more powerful than Kalashnikov rifles.

After packing two duffel bags and moving to Ramallah in the summer of 2013, I met my new colleagues at the Justice Sector Assistance Project offices. As the only American among the 50 Palestinian lawyers, former police officers and technologists, I would be serving as their “Chief of Team,” even as they patiently demonstrated that their English was far better than my few hastily learned words of Arabic.

Because the Palestinian Authority (a diplomatic euphemism for the government here) has scarce funding for even basic services, the justice sector requires the support of international donors. This includes courthouse construction, laptops for prosecutors, and police cars, among many others. Outside the justice sector, Palestinians drive on roads built by USAID and other international donors, receive prenatal care from French trained doctors, and work in buildings donated by the Russian, Chinese, Italian, Spanish and other governments. While closely aligned with the state of Israel, the U.S. Government officially pursues a “two state solution” to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This means our little rule of law program must have at its core the aim of preparing for a future Palestinian state in which human rights and professional law enforcement assure public safety.

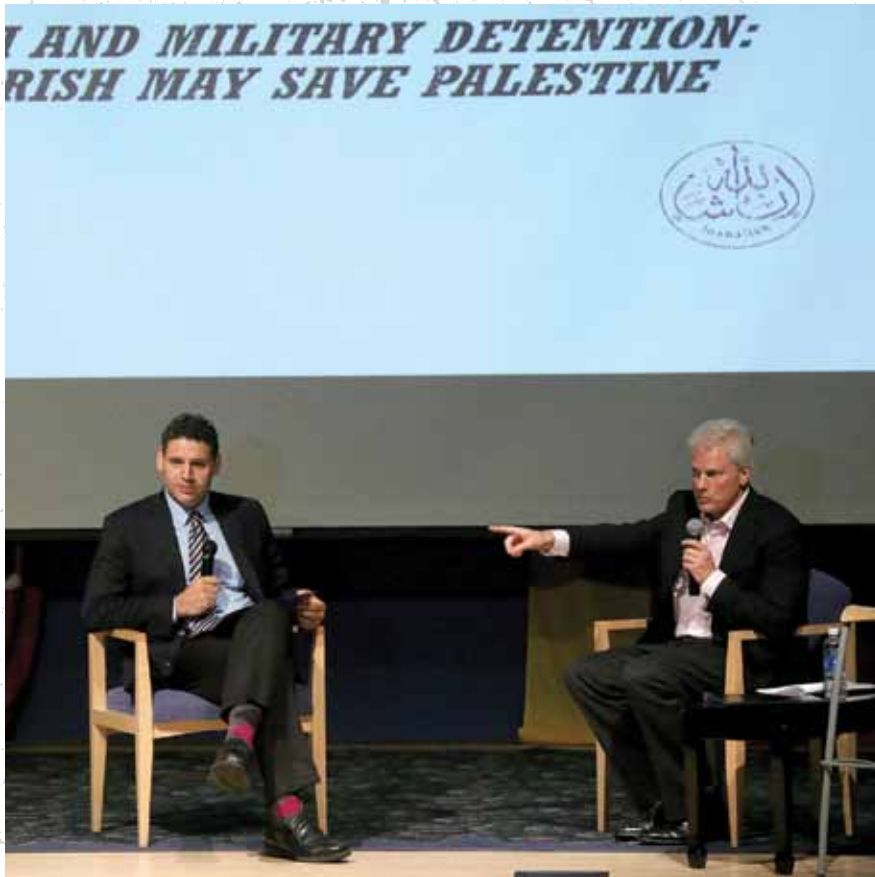
This is no small task.

*“Hope is one commodity that somehow seems to survive here,” John McKay says of the people he has met in and around Ramallah.*

“I am grateful, indeed, for the opportunity to work with dedicated Palestinian judges, prosecutors, police, and defense lawyers who believe that the rule of law is more powerful than Kalashnikov rifles.”

**Professor John McKay**





Professor Karam Dana from the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington and McKay answer questions from the audience at a presentation in fall 2014. Photo by Marcus Donner.

Hundreds of years of Ottoman, British, and Jordanian rule have produced a legal hodge-podge of Turkish, British, Jordanian, Israeli, and Palestinian laws. Legal precedence is murky at best and although Palestinians have a legislature, it has not convened in years due to the precarious political and military environment. Criminal procedure suffers from huge gaps and a proposed modernization of the criminal code languishes in an executive branch hesitant to act without democratic authority.

Still, dedicated and well-educated judges and lawyers carry on. How do they do it while living behind walls constructed by an occupier that declares them all to be terrorists? How do they work when their salaries are cut in half because the same occupier has withheld Palestinian tax revenues in retaliation for their audacity in attempting to join the international courts? How do they remain committed to the rule of law while they and their families have no freedom of travel within their own country, are subjected to frequent and random searches, checkpoints, and control of virtually every aspect of their lives?

Providing rule of law support in this environment may seem to be hopeless, but hope is one commodity that somehow seems to survive here. For example, our program works to equip and train police in crime scene management and forensics. While we may take this for granted, Palestinian police lack the equipment and training to secure physical evidence of crimes.

This has profound human rights implications. Without physical evidence, public prosecutors must rely on witness testimony and admissions by suspects. Contorting the rules of evidence, “witnesses” often attempt to describe crimes they never observed and police interrogation techniques would make your hair stand on end as they seek to obtain confessions. In cooperation with a Canadian mission currently building a crime laboratory, our U.S. program will provide everything from yellow crime scene tape to modern fingerprint devices and the training to use them. In order to be successful, we must be persuasive and diplomatic, while leaving the final decision to the Palestinians themselves. After all, if they are to have freedom and security within a state of their own, they must build it. Our U.S. program provides other human rights-based programs and modernization support to well-trained and educated prosecutors, police, and security services.





*John McKay returned to the law school and presented an Influential Voices lecture about the use of special military laws as a basis for detention in response to alleged terrorism by Britain against the IRA and by Israel against Palestinians. Photo by Marcus Donner.*

I am often asked about my personal safety as one of only a few American officials living among Palestinians and not behind the Israeli “security” walls, as do most of my American and European colleagues. I am careful, I watch where I am, I vary my routines, I pay attention to official security bulletins. I have a satellite phone (I turn it on only to make sure it is charged and works), a wad of emergency cash, and a fully gassed Chevy Malibu. The truth is, however, that I am perfectly safe living in Palestine among some of the friendliest and most hospitable people in the world. What is dangerous is crossing military checkpoints manned by 18-year-old Israeli soldiers with automatic weapons casually pointed at my face. That and Palestinian drivers—don’t get me started.

In spite of U.S. political and financial support of the Israeli government, Palestinians like and admire Americans. I was amazed and humbled by their response to the vicious and horrific assault on Gaza this past summer. As entire Palestinian families were being wiped out only 50 miles away, my friends and colleagues were saddened more than angered. And when an American official offered to resign his position after direct support was provided to the Israeli military shelling Gaza City, a senior Palestinian official urged him to stay, saying, “We are Palestinian. We are used to being killed.”

In my law school classes I often conclude my lectures by giving my students a “Mokita,” a term I have borrowed from my dear friend and colleague Ada Shen-Jaffe. In Papua, New Guinea it means that thing we all know to be true, but of which we will not speak. So I try to speak it in my classes: How to be an ethical lawyer. How to support fellow students and colleagues during difficult times. Why it is a good thing to be a lawyer in a violent and unjust world. When the State Department asked me to come here to Ramallah in 2013, I immediately thought it would be impossible and crazy to leave the comfort of my family, friends, students, and colleagues.

I never thought that I would one day walk in the footsteps of Moses, of Jesus, of the Prophet Mohammad. I am grateful for the opportunity to follow my own Mokita advice to my students: We as lawyers have the privilege of serving people, especially the poor and the powerless, wherever they may be in the world.

*Visiting Professor John McKay is on leave from the law faculty, serving as Chief of Team for the U.S. State Department (INL) rule of law project in Palestine. He will return to the faculty to teach Constitutional Law in fall 2015.*

# OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

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**Environmental Law seminar sees Elwha River restoration work up close**

“Our Tribe has lived along the Elwha River for countless generations. The River and the salmon are at the center of our way of life. At a site presently located under the Elwha Hydroelectric Project, the Creator made the S’Klallam people out of the river rock.”

**Carla Elofson**

Chairperson, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe,  
hearing before the Senate Committee on Energy  
and Natural Resources on the Elwha River Fisheries  
and Restoration Act (1992)

**O**n a rainy Saturday in October, a group of students left their laptops at Sullivan Hall, donned boots and wool caps, and made their way out to the Olympic Peninsula to witness the historic restoration efforts underway on the Elwha River.

The visit was part of an Advanced Environmental Law seminar taught by Professor Catherine O’Neill and Distinguished Indian Law Practitioner in Residence Eric Eberhard.

Robert Elofson, director of the River Restoration Project for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, hosted them. He is a lifelong resident of the reservation and is from one of the most prominent families in the tribe.

The Elwha River was once home to magnificent salmon runs that supported Chinook, chum, pink, Coho, sockeye, and steelhead prior to the construction of the Elwha Dam in 1912 and the Glines Canyon Dam in 1926. The dams were built without the fish passage required by state law. They blocked the salmon from using the 70 miles of pristine habitat that had been provided by the river and its tributaries. The dams also interrupted the natural flow of sediments and other debris, starving riverine and estuarine habitat downstream.





*Robert Elofson fields students' questions at the mouth of the Elwha about the impact of dam removal on the salmon and the larger ecosystem.*

By the early 1980s it had become clear that the salmon were in danger of extinction in the river and that the dams had outlasted their primary purpose of providing power to Port Angeles and its industries. In 1992, Congress enacted the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act.

The Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the dams; provided an alternative source of power for the pulp mill in Port Angeles; ensured an adequate supply of water to Port Angeles; and sought to restore the river along with its storied salmon runs. The Elwha Restoration Act was the result of 90 years of work by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and at least a decade of effort by environmental groups, federal agencies, private industry, and tribal, state, and federal officials. It took another 20 years for the physical dam removal and river restoration to begin, but by August 2014, both dams had been removed and the restoration of the river and the salmon runs is now well underway.

Professors O'Neill and Eberhard designed a problem-based course that considers lawyers' roles in this historic restoration. Throughout the semester, students are placed in role as attorneys for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe at the time when the Tribe was navigating the issues of the future of the river, the fish -- and, so, the future of the tribal people.

In order to evaluate the legal avenues available to the Tribe, students must understand several specialized areas of environmental and Indian law and must become familiar with judicial, legislative, and administrative processes. Thus, students consider a complex web of laws including the Federal Power Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Treaty of Point-No-Point and other aspects of Federal Indian law, and the body of federal jurisprudence that has developed in these areas of the law.

Students are also exposed to the science necessary to comprehend the relevant ecosystem processes and how these might impact a lawyer's work. While the list of materials to be mastered is daunting -- one student observed that the course required the most work he had willingly undertaken for a class in law school -- the students appreciate that it is a realistic reflection of the task faced by tribal attorneys at the time, and of the task that attorneys working at the intersection of environmental law and Indian law face today.

Each year the class features a day-long field trip graciously hosted by Elofson, who has devoted himself to working on the Elwha restoration for more than 25 years. The trip includes stops at the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe's government offices on the reservation; the Elwha River estuary; and various points along the river, including the site of the former Elwha dam and the former reservoir (Lake Aldwell) that had collected behind the lower dam.

Students come away from the field trip and the course with a deeper understanding of the applicable law, and a true appreciation of the role that lawyers and the law play in achieving seemingly impossible goals. Students see the palpable results of work to resolve what appeared to be intractable problems; they learn how lawyers can help their clients bring people with very diverse interests together for a common purpose.

"No statute compares to feeling your boots sink into silt at the newly formed mouth of the river. No regulation compares to hearing the rush of rapids through the old dam site or the swirl of a new meander in the river and knowing that, once again, the Elwha is calling for its salmon to return," 3L Tyler Stewart said. "Mr. Elofson shared with us the Tribe's passion for the river. He provided true meaning to the extensive legal process that is bringing life back to the Elwha. We were left hoping to experience this feeling over and over again."





# Lawyers of the future

Alumni lead the way in  
embracing legal tech

BY CLAUDINE BENMAR

**T**oting a laptop computer, Seattle attorney Forrest Carlson offers house calls. Yes, house calls. He learned enough code to build and maintain his law practice's website. He uses software to track his own schedule and automatically create first drafts of most legal documents. He hashes out legal questions in online discussion groups. For free. And there's hardly any paper in his office.

"I just have one shelf with a small file cabinet of physical files," said Carlson '08. "And those are documents I just haven't had time to scan yet." The scanned documents are stored on a secure server "in the cloud," where he can access office files on the go, from anywhere. They're guarded by a sentence-length password only he knows.



*Forrest Carlson '08 and Dan Lear '07 make technology an integral part of how they operate as legal professionals, and have mentored tech-curious law students.*

Carlson, as his Twitter bio says, is “striving to practice law on the very top of the legal tech tsunami.” Part of that means staying as paper-free as possible and nimble enough to meet with his clients anywhere – at their homes, at his office, or even at a coffee shop if need be.

He and other alumni have built their careers with an eye toward the future, embracing the technology, tools, and ideals that many say will eventually change the way lawyers work.

“Legal technology is what I live and dream. It’s what I think about all the time,” Carlson said. “This is what all attorneys will be doing 10 years from now. I do it now because I have to, as a solo attorney. This is the way solos and small practices will thrive.”

Fellow alum Dan Lear '07 is also working hard to push the legal industry forward into a tech-friendly future. He co-founded the Seattle Legal Innovation and Technology MeetUp, a group that gets together monthly to network and discuss ideas. Lear is a rising star in the field of legal tech who has spoken at national conferences and blogs frequently about the future of the legal profession.

Dean Annette Clark '89, who attended a meeting of Lear’s group in November to discuss how technology will change legal education, said the push for a more tech-friendly legal profession is coming directly from students and has only gotten stronger in recent years. “The opportunities are immense for technology in the law,” she said.

Clark said innovative law school programs such as a new immersion course focusing on startups and innovation encourage the entrepreneurial spirit that thrives in the tech world. During the week-long course in May, students from SU and other law schools will study the role lawyers play in facilitating entrepreneurship and innovation, particularly in the technology sector. Students will visit startups as well as tech giants like Microsoft and Amazon.

Many students are also choosing tech-friendly options in third-year internships.

Lear believes the legal industry is ripe for disruption, in much the same way that making travel reservations, buying books, and filing taxes have all been forever altered by innovative technology. Already, dozens of websites geared for lawyers and legal professionals are up and running, offering services such as electronic discovery, case annotation, and project management.

Even lawyers who don’t want to learn code and build websites can still take advantage of technology to build their network of professional connections and clients, Lear said. Keep an updated profile on LinkedIn. Blog about legal issues that are meaningful to you. Use Twitter to communicate with other people in your field.

Lear has made an effort to reach out to law students and bring them along for the ride.

“Nothing would make me happier than developing a network of law student revolutionaries who are ready to shake things up right from the start,” he said.





*Olga Owens '13 and Kate Rich '12 are finding innovative ways to run their low bono practices. They were in the first class in the law school's Low Bono Incubator Program.*

To that end, both Lear and Carlson welcomed students to a Legal Tech Startup Weekend they organized, along with other local leaders in the field, last fall. Over the course of one intense weekend, teams of developers, students, and lawyers worked together to conceptualize and quickly create law-related apps and businesses.

Two teams that included law students from Seattle University tied for third place in the weekend's final judging. One startup, CaseBooker, offers students an affordable way to purchase used casebooks via a mobile app. The other, Commontary, provides online guidance on legal documents for people and small businesses.

"As a millennial, I don't really see the world apart from technology," said 1L Robby Barthelmess, who helped develop Commontary. "By the time I graduate, I want to be well aware of and very comfortable with the new legal world."

Lear said their comfort with technology was clear. "The law students just blew it out of the water," he said. "The quality of their business pitches was outstanding."

Portland lawyer John E. Grant, who attended the start up weekend, had high praise for the Seattle U law students on Twitter: "Watching the @seattleulaw students ... made one thing crystal clear," he tweeted. "Just as today's lawyers disrupted old law by preferring to draft their own documents in Word or WordPerfect, tomorrow's lawyers will disrupt new old law by preferring to write their own software."

Professor Margaret Chon, who helped judge presentations at the Startup Weekend, said the focus on access to justice via technology reminds her of Washington State's Access to Technology Bill of Rights, spearheaded by equal access champion Judge Don Horowitz in the early 2000s.

"I still think there is no 'magic bullet' of technology that will substitute for old-fashioned legal advice (which can be time-consuming and expensive)," she said. "But the legal profession has yet to mine all the opportunities that technology affords to streamline and deliver affordable legal services to more people."

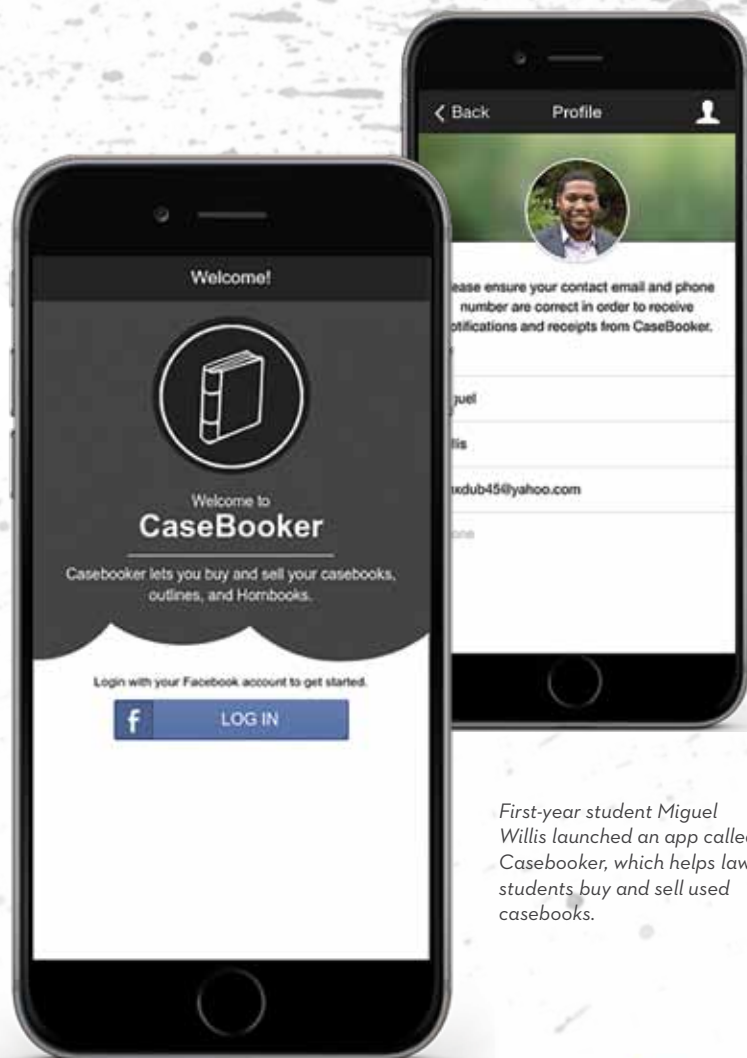


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Co-founder, Seattle Legal Innovation  
and Legal Tech Startup Weekend





*First-year student Miguel Willis launched an app called Casebooker, which helps law students buy and sell used casebooks.*

A good way to understand how technology can help lawyers, Carlson said, is to compare it to chess. An IBM computer called Deep Blue conquered World Chess Champion Garry Kasparov in 1997, but Kasparov followed up that match by suggesting teams of humans working in collaboration with computers. The teams that best combined uniquely human abilities (intuition, psyching out opponents) and the massive data analysis afforded by a computer consistently beat supercomputers alone.

IBM's supercomputer Watson, for example, famously bested human competitors on the TV game show Jeopardy in 2011 and can now quickly scan thousands of sources of information to present coherent arguments on either side of a debate.

A recent article in Wired magazine estimated that software algorithms will, either in the near or not-too-distant future, be used to predict U.S. Supreme Court and lower court decisions, tell patent attorneys when their applications are most likely to be successful, research case law, and even write closing arguments.

"Computer-assisted lawyers will be the most efficient and effective, by a long shot," Carlson said. "When you pair an attorney with software that does the brute force thinking - like case research and decision trees - you free up the attorney to do the creative thinking, the problem-solving."

Not just more efficient and effective, but also more affordable. The move toward increased technology is paired with concerns about access to justice, also known as "a2j" on social media. Carlson can afford to help moderate means clients because technology frees him from having to maintain an expensive office filled with support staff. As part of his commitment, he also cofounded the Low Bono Section of the Washington State Bar Association.



"The outside world has the idea that we're all money grubbers, but I know that most people go to law school because they want to make a difference in the world," he said. "I chose Seattle University for undergrad and law school because of its social justice mission. And now my business is social justice. My hope is that legal technology moves us closer to the ideal of everyone having access to affordable, quality legal representation when they need it."

For example, a major obstacle for many tech-oriented lawyers is that the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct – and consequently, most state laws – forbid nonlawyer ownership of law firms or businesses "primarily engaged in the practice of law." In other words, a lawyer and a software developer can't be equal partners in a legal tech startup; the developer can only be an employee. For most struggling startups, equity is the only incentive to make it through the first months or years of financial uncertainty.

Carlson himself founded a startup called Vizibid, a lawyers-only online community for sharing legal documents. But the company struggled in the face of slow adoption by the legal community, and reluctance of investors to back legal startups. When Carlson's business partner – a software developer – took a dream job overseas, the company was shelved.

Some industry leaders encourage law students to study subjects like data analysis, project management – even coding. But even without such specific courses, technology is changing legal education, said Chon, the Donald and Lynda Horowitz Professor for the Pursuit of Justice.

"Students now experience the immediacy of law from search engines and can look up all sorts of facts and surrounding context about a case being taught in class. This is very obvious in classroom discussions," Chon said.

"It's also creating some unintended consequences – sometimes there is too much information and students may feel overwhelmed in deciding what to pay attention to and how to sort through it all," she said. "All in all, though, technology has been a positive game-changer, and has made the teaching and learning environment more dynamic."

People who embrace legal tech are often entrepreneurial in nature, favoring the flexibility of a small firm or solo practice and the adventure of starting their own business. The law school's Solo and Low Bono Initiative and particularly the Low Bono Incubator are helping prepare lawyers for their own practices.

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Donald and Lynda Horowitz Professor  
for the Pursuit of Justice







*During a visit to Sullivan Hall, Forrest Carlson '08 (center) checked in with students Tiffany Curtiss (left) and Miguel Willis (right) about how their Legal Tech Startup Weekend projects were progressing.*

The Low Bono Incubator provides training, guidance, and resources to help new lawyers launch and maintain a solo or small firm practice designed to serve clients of moderate means. In fact, the alumni selected for the incubator receive a one-year subscription to Clio law practice and case management software, the same program Carlson uses to track his time spent on cases, submit bills, schedule events, check for conflicts, analyze business performance, and automate the creation of documents.

In the fall, Lear moderated a daylong WSBA seminar and live webcast about the future of the legal industry called "Mission Possible." A substantial segment of the program was devoted to serving low-income clients. He also visited Sullivan Hall for Social Justice Monday, challenging law students to brainstorm about how technology could be used to help immigrants overcome barriers in applying for U.S. citizenship.

Legal tech "is truly a space where being a social entrepreneur has meaning," he said. "How do we make a legal system that's more in tune with humanity and society?"

The way Lear sees it, changes in the legal industry make it a whole lot friendlier to right-brain thinkers like himself.

Remembering his own days as an SU law student, Lear said it's no surprise that his career went in a different direction than many of his classmates.

"I was always the weird one in law school," he said. "I totally didn't fit in." In fact, while at law school, he attended a workshop during which he and other students underwent the classic Meyers-Briggs personality test. Lear rated a strong F for "feeling;" at the other end of the spectrum was T for "thinking."

"The facilitator lined us up and there I was on the F side of the room," he said. "I remember he said, 'All you feelers, you really struggle in professions like business and law.'"

At the time, Lear was getting a dual degree in exactly that - business and law.

But rather than change the course of his career, he's gradually become determined to change the legal industry itself.

He embraced his creative, non-linear personality type, blogging and tweeting under the handle @rightbrainlaw. He vociferously advocates "hacking" the legal system, finding easier and more cost-effective ways to get the job done. Today he's the director of industry relations at Avvo, the Seattle-based company that offers an online lawyer directory, which includes client and peer reviews, as well as on-demand legal advice and Q&A forums.

"Quantitative analysis skills are no longer sufficient for lawyers and business people. Those are all the left brain skills," he said. "If your skills can be outsourced to a computer, then it's time to develop other skills - right brain skills like design, humor, context, empathy."

And for students who imagine their careers as tech-friendly lawyers after law school, having the guidance and encouragement of alumni like Lear and Carlson has been invaluable.

"Talking to Dan Lear has been incredible. He listened to our startup weekend pitch and provided some awesome feedback," Barthelmess said. "I think it is inspiring to see SU graduates out working in the real world and confronting the massive changes head on."




A close-up, profile shot of a young man with short, light brown hair, singing passionately into a microphone. His mouth is wide open, and his eyes are closed. He is wearing a purple and white plaid shirt. The background is a vibrant, abstract mix of red, orange, and yellow, with some dark, indistinct shapes. The overall mood is energetic and artistic.

# LEGAL LYRICIST

Kevin De Liban pursues justice with a beat





Nobody expects lawyer Kevin De Liban to be a rapper. “Usually when I come to the club to rap, I come in a suit and tie, because it’s 7 or 8 at night and I’m coming directly from work,” he said. “And I’m white, but that’s not really it. It’s the suit and tie, and I’m an attorney, so there are multiple levels of things you don’t expect. It’s totally understandable doubt.”

But rap he does, and earlier this month, De Liban ’11 released his first album, “Plunge Into Sunshine.” He crafted the 13 tracks over the last year and a half, encouraged by fellow artists and inspired by the clients he represents as a staff attorney with Legal Aid of Arkansas.

After graduation, he traveled to the rural South to build medical-legal partnerships in the impoverished Arkansas Delta. Just across the Mississippi River in Memphis, Tennessee, where De Liban lives, he found a welcoming community of MCs, musicians, and poets who pushed him to take his hobby to the next level and make an actual album.

“I’ve been a hip hop fan since I was a kid. I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and that was the music of my youth,” he said, citing favorites like N.W.A., Public Enemy, and A Tribe Called Quest. As an undergraduate at University of California Berkeley, he took a class in the history of hip hop and that’s what convinced him to try MCing and rhyming himself.

Eventually, though, it led him to the law.

“I’m pretty sure I would not be a poverty lawyer if it weren’t for hip hop. I credit hip hop with instilling in me whatever values didn’t come directly from my family,” he said. “These artists were talking about things that were not my daily life – racism, socioeconomic struggles, injustice, lack of opportunity. And some if it was really intense. You can’t listen to this stuff and not wonder what’s going on, why are things like this?”

De Liban was a Scholar for Justice and graduated summa cum laude. He’s also fluent in Spanish, using it in both his songs and in his daily work with Spanish-speaking clients.

All the artwork and photography for “Plunge Into Sunshine” was made by Memphis artists, and five different Memphis producers worked on tracks with him, notably the producer known as IMAKEMADBEATS of Dirty Sock Studios.

But at the heart of the album is De Liban’s work as an attorney.

“My clients have amazing resiliency, passion, and determination,” he said. “You see grandmothers, aunts, uncles, grandfathers taking care of kids who are not their own and how they struggle. That’s an incredible act of love and devotion. You see that and you see how little their lives are celebrated. I wanted to use my talents as an MC to celebrate their lives.”

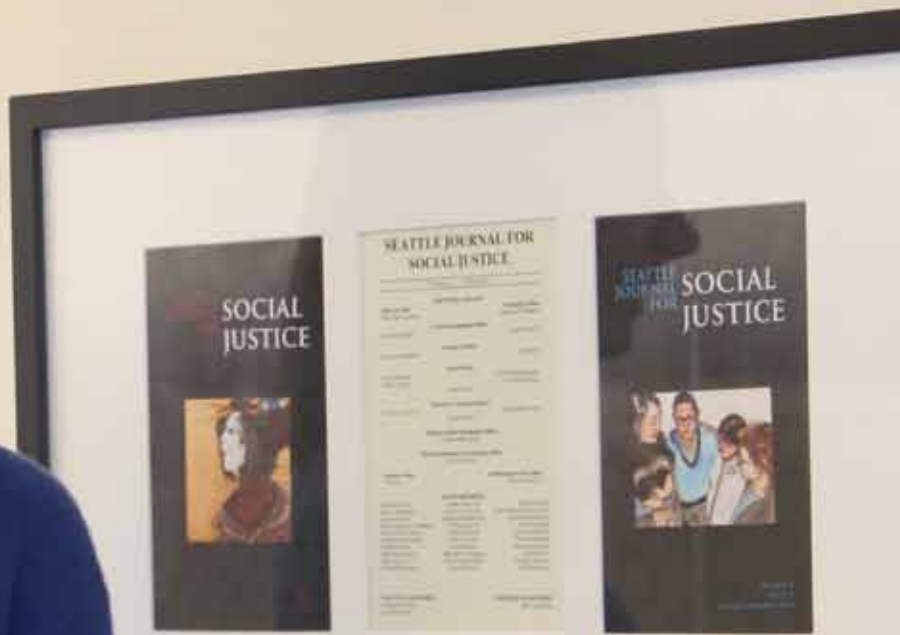
De Liban describes his work as “heartfelt stories, incisive politics, reflective meditation, and good old smack-a-rapper slick-talk.” A track called “Dark Knights” tells stories of a troubled veteran, mental illness, and domestic violence. Another, “Platano Papaya,” describes the sights and sounds of Bolivia, where he traveled as a legal intern during law school.

Over time, he’s learned to embrace the quirkiness of being a redhead rapper in a suit and tie, taking it on as his performing persona. But it’s not just for show.

“I know it could be perceived as a gimmick,” he said, “but hip hop is a big part of the reason why I put on a suit and tie, why I go to court, and why I fight for the people I fight for.”

To hear some of Kevin De Liban’s music or buy the album, visit [www.kevindeliban.com](http://www.kevindeliban.com).

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## HER CALLING

**Mary Beth Leeper dedicated to representing immigrants**

**M**ary Beth Leeper once thought she would go into the Lutheran ministry. Through her immersion in Spanish and work in Latin America, she discovered a different calling: working with and representing immigrants in legalizing their status in the United States.

“When I can intervene in the case of a family that’s going through something as horrific as seeing a family member murdered and fleeing that violence, it’s very rewarding,” said Leeper ’10. “My practice combines everything I dreamed of doing someday: legal research and writing, a bit of social work, advocacy, policy work, defense of human rights, and even lets me use my knowledge of Latin America and my Spanish skills.”

Leeper is an immigration attorney at the well-known firm of Hanis Irvine Prothero in Kent, Washington, and pro bono chair for the Washington chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. She spoke at AILA’s recent CLE held at the law school.

About half her clients are going through removal proceedings, and she has several cases pending before the Ninth Circuit. In her “spare” time, she volunteers to help find attorneys to represent youth in deportation proceedings – a high priority after the surge in undocumented children last year and the Obama administration’s desire to move the cases quickly through the system.

But her path to the law was not a straight one. She majored in Spanish and global studies at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, and studied abroad in Ecuador and Spain. After PLU, she spent three years working with the Mennonite Central Committee in Bolivia, in a program aimed at keeping kids off the streets and in school.

With those formative years complete, she returned to her family in Auburn, and worked for the city in an outreach program to Latino families. During that time, she met Robert Pauw, a successful immigration lawyer who served as an adjunct professor at the law school,



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when she provided interpretation services for a friend who was seeking Pauw's legal advice.

“Law was far from my head. It was not on my radar at all,” she said. “But that experience interpreting during that one-hour consultation opened my eyes to this whole other world of advocacy.”

She met with an admissions counselor at Seattle University School of Law who showed her the array of opportunities available to her and connected her with alumni and faculty in the immigration area.

“I was so impressed with SU's program, it was the only school I applied to,” she said.

Leeper worked for 10 hours a week at an immigration firm throughout law school. She served as editor-in-chief of the Seattle Journal for Social Justice, for which she wrote an article about immigration, and completed an externship with the Washington Defender Association's Immigration Project.

She won a CALI award for the highest grade in her advanced immigration course and was one of the women students who got to have a private lunch with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The picture of the group with the justice sits on her desk. A shelf above her desk holds issues of SJSJ.

“Once I got to SU, I knew exactly what I wanted to do. I am so thankful for the multifaceted approach at SU in helping me not only earn my degree but achieve my dream career,” she said. “Every door that I wanted to peek through, there was someone on the other side saying, ‘Come on in. I want to help you.’ I don't think I would have gotten that anywhere else.”

In 2012, Leeper was honored for her commitment to social justice with the Recent Alumnus Award from Pacific Lutheran University, and last year she was a keynote speaker at a PLU event called “Meant to Live”

designed to help students find their passion. Featuring her was fitting.

“My very soul yearns for this work,” Leeper said. “I believe our government has the responsibility to do right by the people who live here, no matter where they came from. Every human being, regardless of where you came from, deserves protection.”

After law school she worked with a Seattle nonprofit serving immigrant youth before she landed at her dream firm. She always wanted to work at Hanis Irvine Prothero because of her commitment to serving the South King County community and the firm's focus on immigration law. The firm has three full-time immigration attorneys, including Florian D. Purganan '04.

As part of her job, she speaks to churches and community groups, even on the radio, to increase awareness about U.S. immigration law and policy. She is also an active member of Kiwanis International and Messiah Lutheran Church in Auburn, where she lives.

“Mary Beth is passionate about immigrant justice,” said Cynthia Irvine, a partner at the firm.

Leeper admits the work is emotionally draining and not all the stories have happy endings.

“I love my clients, and I've been given these gifts of education and language to help them. Right now we're on the cusp of broad-based immigration reform. The happy cases keep me going,” she said. “I admit that I often tear up over the cases that don't go the way I want. I'm learning to balance my emotional attachment, because burnout is high in this field. But I am so passionate about this work that I hope to be here for the rest of my career. I don't see myself doing anything else.”

## *Standing up*

*Jason Amala '05 devoted to  
his clients and the law school*



Why is Amala so dedicated to the law school?

*“Because I can never pay it back. I love being a lawyer, and I love what I do.”*

Jason Amala '05

From a girl who was abused for years in her own home to a woman who suffered debilitating burns, Jason Amala '05 represents clients who have been victimized. It's rewarding to help those who have been hurt on the road to recovery.

“You see the significant toll it takes on people,” he said of his clients. “Justice can help them start to get closure and to focus on the future.”

After graduating from Seattle University School of Law, Amala practiced with Gordon Thomas Honeywell for four years until he and some of his colleagues launched their own plaintiffs firm, Pfau Cochran Vertetis Amala. His clients and cases span a diverse range, from pro bono representation of tenants to obtaining multi-million dollar settlements for consumers injured by defective products.

Recent successes include a \$2.5 million settlement with the state Department of Social and Health Services for a young woman who suffered sexual abuse at the hands of her foster parent. The man had been licensed by DSHS as a foster parent despite the fact that he was a convicted sex offender.

Amala and his father, Oregon attorney Carl R. Amala of Harris Wyatt & Amala, LLC, worked together to reach a \$5.37 million settlement on behalf of a woman who was severely injured by an exploding gel fuel product called Ecoflame. Their client hopes the settlement will prevent other people from being hurt. Nine manufacturers of similar gel fuels have since recalled their gel fuel products, Amala said.

In law school, Amala was a leader and top student who twice served as president of the Student Bar Association.

Today, he is a successful lawyer committed to supporting new lawyers and the law school. His firm

recently made a multiyear commitment to fund a scholarship in honor of former dean and esteemed lawyer Fred Tausend.

Amala serves on the Law Alumni Board and is a member of the Dean's Club. He serves as an alumni ambassador, talking with prospective and admitted students. His law firm donated space in their Tacoma office for the law school's South Sound liaison Professor John Weaver, making it easier for him to connect with Pierce County alumni and employers.

“We are so proud of Jason and grateful for his steadfast support of our students and our law school,” said Dean Annette E. Clark '89. “His vision and leadership, together with his firm's commitment in honor of Fred Tausend, allow us to establish an endowment that celebrates the academic excellence of our students.”

Why is Amala so dedicated to the law school?

“Because I can never pay it back,” Amala says simply. “I love being a lawyer, and I love what I do.”

He is grateful for his legal education at Seattle University School of Law, specifically the No. 1 ranked Legal Writing Program, the diverse student body and faculty, and the good the law school does for the community. He says the Legal Writing Program makes SU Law graduates stand apart from other schools. In fact, the vast majority of the associates at his firm are graduates of the law school: Beth Davis '12, Jessica Erickson '10, Kevin Hastings '09, and Chris Love '09.

Amala, who has two young children with his wife, Tamara, knows that some law school graduates struggle to find careers as satisfying as his, but his confidence in the value of a law degree is unwavering. He has no doubts about encouraging people to pursue law school.

“It might take a little while, but you will find your niche,” Amala said. “In the end, I think everyone I went to law school with is happy they did.”



# Out & About

**We take pride in all of our alumni** – not only your accomplishments, but your sense of community. Thank you for coming out to engage with your colleagues, connect with students and celebrate at the Sidebar Happy Hours and annual events. There's much more to come – check out our upcoming events on page 32. We hope to see you soon!

## BELLEVUE SIDEBAR ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

- A** Professor Dave Boerner and Darcia Tudor '81, one of two alumni honorees at the event, talk with Michael Cherry '11.

## BLSA AWARDS ON FEBRUARY 3, 2015

- B** Awardees James Armstrong '00 and Jamal Whithead '07 with Dean Clark and Judge Richard Jones.
- C** WSBA President Anthony Gipe with BLSA past-president Erika Koch '14 and members Erika Evans '15 and Leandra Ebreo '15.

## OLYMPIA SIDEBAR ON NOVEMBER 6, 2014

- D** A reunion of sorts took place at Olympia's Sidebar for Justice Steven Gonzalez, clerk Laura Anglin '99, IL Prinka Bedi, and Christina Jaccard.

## SEATTLE SIDEBAR ON NOVEMBER 20, 2014

- E** Seattle's Sidebar at Blueacre Seafood was the perfect venue to honor distinguished alumni leaders of Washington State's Minority Bar Associations, including Michelle Pham '11, immediate past president of the Vietnamese Bar, and Diana Young '04, immediate past president of the Asian Bar, with Judge Pat Oishi '96 and Dean Clark '89.
- F** Jamie Nystrom '14, Professor Ron Slye, Professor Emeritus Bill Oltman, and Jason Amala '05.
- G** Class of 2014 attorneys Nick Franzen, Sara Parker, Gavin Radkey, and Dash DeJarnatt.

## EVERETT SIDEBAR ON MARCH 5, 2015

- H** The law school was delighted to host its first Snohomish County Sidebar, on Everett's waterfront earlier this month. Honored guests included Snohomish County Bar Association President Kari Petrasek '02, Judge Anthony Howard '01, Judge Linda Coburn '05, and Professor Deborah Ahrens.

## LLSA AWARDS ON MARCH 12, 2015

- I** The theme for the evening was giving back, as alumni gathered to celebrate. From left, LLSA honoree David Mendoza '07, Lorena Gonzalez '05, LLSA honoree Catherine Romero '96, LLSA President Leticia Hernandez '15, Chach Duarte White '00, and LLSA Vice President Nancy Mendez '15.





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*Kevin Beals '16 received a PILF grant to spend last summer working at Seattle Community Law Center, which provides Social Security and disability legal assistance for homeless and low-income clients with physical and mental disabilities.*

## An Invested PILF Partner: Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness PLLC

The generosity of Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness PLLC (COJK), a Seattle-based intellectual property firm, has enabled the law school to create a Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) endowed fund. PILF is committed to increasing awareness of the rewards, challenges, opportunities, and needs in public interest law. The PILF Summer Grants Program gives students summer stipends and the opportunity to build practice skills while serving underrepresented and marginalized populations in Puget Sound, across the country, and abroad. PILF summer grants are currently funded from student-initiated fundraising, individual donors, and law firm and institutional partners.

The School of Law is grateful to COJK for being the first law firm to participate in this new initiative. In recognition of the firm's generous support, the school will award a 2015 Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness PLLC PILF Summer Grant. COJK's visionary leadership gift helps ensure both current and future students can continue to have an impact and a transformational experience.

If you are interested in partnering with the law school on this innovative initiative, please email our Chief Advancement Officer, Pat McCowan, at [mccowanp@seattleu.edu](mailto:mccowanp@seattleu.edu).

## Recent graduates invest as Emerging Leaders

If you ask Jamie Corning '12 what inspires him to give to the Annual Fund for Excellence, he will tell you that his reason is simple - he gives because he recognizes the importance that SU Law had on his professional development.

Beyond forming meaningful relationships with his classmates, he had multiple opportunities to be involved in things he truly cared about, including moot court. He competed in moot court competitions all the way to the national level. Now as an alumnus, he coaches the law school's National Moot Court and National Appellate Advocacy teams.

The school is proud to recognize Jamie and other Emerging Leaders - alumni from the nine most recent graduating classes who give \$100 annually for each year since they received a J.D. The giving levels resonated with Corning. He could give right out of law school despite managing student loans and other life expenses such as getting married and buying a home.

Participating as an Emerging Leader gives new lawyers an immediate opportunity to invest in the future of the law school. In turn, the law school recognizes Emerging Leaders as Dean's Club members, extending benefits that include a university parking pass for occasional parking on campus, invitations to exclusive events, and the dean's Impact Newsletter. To join Emerging Leaders, or to learn more, visit [www.law.seattleu.edu/giving/annual-fund/deans-club](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/giving/annual-fund/deans-club).

## The 2013-14 Report of Giving

The Seattle University School of Law community - alumni, students, friends, and partnering organizations - generously invested \$1.97 million to support our students and the school last year. The 2013-14 Report of Giving highlights some of the ways in which we are able to strengthen and transform SU Law with the help of your financial gifts. If you haven't already, we encourage you to take a look at the report online at [www.law.seattleu.edu/ReportofGiving](http://www.law.seattleu.edu/ReportofGiving). Thank you!

## Ways to give back

# Alumni Volunteers in Action

*Do you want to get more involved in the law school, but you're not sure where to start? We've got plenty of ideas for you about how you can volunteer to serve our students and programs.*

**Thanks to our many committed volunteers!**



### Mentor

Through the annual 3L/4L Mentorship Program, alumni help students develop tools to enter the employment market prepared for success. Sign up this summer to be paired with a student mentee for fall.



### Mock Interviewer

Help students give their best interview by giving individual feedback to program participants. These interviews are organized multiple times throughout the academic year.



### Coach or Judge

Moot Court, Legal Writing, and student organizations need your help to serve as coaches and judges for competitions held in Seattle and nationally.



### Job Shadow Host

Invite a student to your workplace and share with them what you do for a day. This year's program is April 6-10.



### Fall or Spring OCI Interviewer

The law school welcomes employers to Sullivan Hall to interview our students for internships and post-graduate employment biannually.



### Guest Speaker or Panelist

Faculty and student organizations often invite alumni to Sullivan Hall to enlighten the SU Law community and to showcase their breadth of talent.



### Speed Networker

There are many opportunities to participate in these lively gatherings, which help students build relationships and connections to legal practitioners in a variety of practice areas.



### CLE Presenter

The law school's Continuing Legal Education program seeks practitioners to serve as panelists on a variety of topics for our CLE programs, online, and the Summer Practice Academy.



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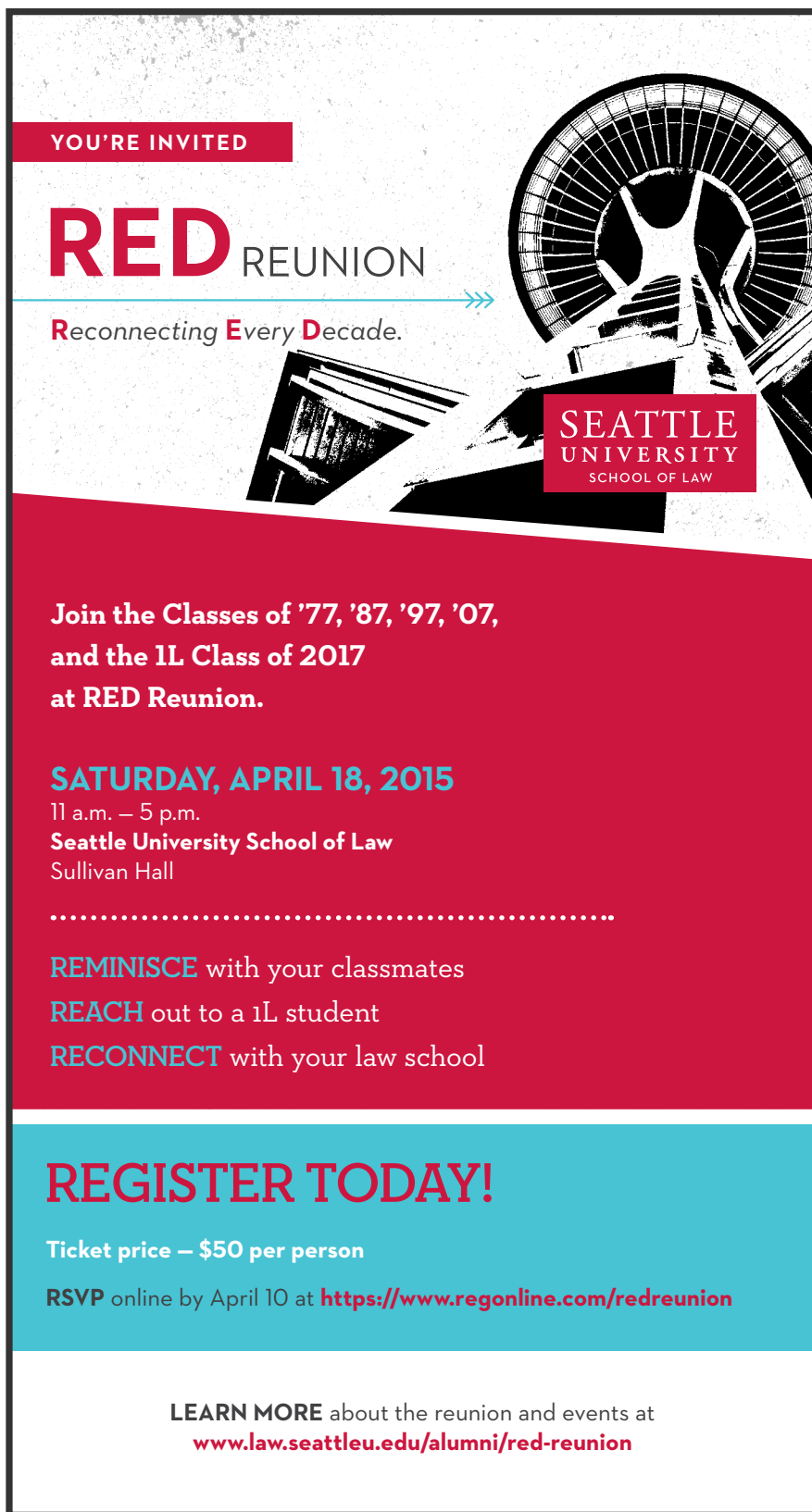


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## Upcoming Events

### March 26

SU Alumni Reception  
with President Sundborg  
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### April 6-10

Job Shadow Week

### April 14

3L & 4L Mentorship Program  
CLE and Reception  
*Sullivan Hall*

### April 16

SJEL Alumni Reception  
*Sullivan Hall*

### April 17

Law Review Alumni Banquet  
*Sullivan Hall*

### April 18

RED Reunion  
*Sullivan Hall*

### April 22

Tacoma Sidebar Happy Hour  
*Pacific Grill, Pearl Room*

### April 24

CLE: U.S. Supreme Court Review  
*U.S. Courthouse in Union Station, Tacoma*

SJSJ Alumni Banquet  
*Sullivan Hall*

### May 20

Dean's Club Reception  
*MOHAI, Seattle*

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# class notes



**Joan Miller '12** and her husband, Justin Hanson, welcomed their first son, Blake Archer, in August 2014. Joan joined the Washington Community Mental Health Council as a policy analyst focusing primarily on children's mental health.



**Shannon Rieke '13** and **Mark Trivett '13** were married Aug. 16, 2014, at Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood. They met the second week of their 1L year. He walked her home from school for a week and carried her books. The rest is history. In attendance were many fellow SU Law alums (pictured above): (back row) **Laura Baird '13**, **Kristin McCarrey '13**, **Emily McReynolds '13**, **Liberty Upton '13**, **Katie Searing '13**, **Alex Ford '13**, **Kirsten Lee '13**, **Zainab Hussain '13**, **Shamim Mohandessi '13**, **Sam Winninghoff '13**, (front row) **Ann Trivett '07**, **Patrick Trivett '06**, **Mark and Shannon, Larry Trivett '75**.

## 1979

**George Heuston** published "Avoiding the Sudden Stop: Guiding Rainier and other Northwest Mountain Adventures in the 1960s". He was a special agent for the FBI specializing in foreign counterintelligence and computer-based intellectual property crimes for 22 years. Now retired, he lives in the Portland, Oregon, area with his wife, Paula.

**Malcolm Lindquist**, co-chair of Lane Powell's Financial Institutions Industry Team, was selected as an American Bar Foundation Fellow. The Foundation is an honorary organization of lawyers, judges, and legal scholars whose private and public careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities. Membership is limited to less than one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction.





# class notes

## 1985

**Frank Primiani** has been on the faculty of Green River Community College for 30 years. During his career, he was awarded a Distinguished Faculty prize, authored a textbook called "Introduction to Law, A Holistic Approach" (Kendall Hunt 2010), and has taught many coordinated studies classes with fellow faculty. This summer he will be teaching comparative business law in the Netherlands with a colleague from the University of Utrecht. He also maintains a small select law practice, consults, and serves periodically as a King County Arbitrator.



engineer before attending law school and worked at technology companies, including AT&T Wireless, Honeywell Aerospace, and Spacelabs Medical.

**Leta Gorman** was recognized in the 2014 Best Lawyers in America listing in the Product Liability Litigation - Defendants practice area for the fourth consecutive year. She is an attorney at Jordan Ramis PC in Portland, Oregon.



## 2000

**Brian Brunkow** published a new book for football moms titled, "Zero Offseason: Divorce, Youth Sports and Tips for the Insanely Busy Sports Mom." It provides tips for sports parenting and divorce, parent-coach communications, and development of student athletes.



**Nicole Ewing** left her position as county attorney for Berkeley County Government and joined Nexsen Pruet in Charleston, South Carolina, as special counsel in the Real Estate Law practice group.



## 1987

**Gretchen Leanderson** was appointed by Gov. Jay Inslee to the Pierce County Superior Court. She served 26 years with the Washington State Attorney General's Office prior to her appointment. Her husband, Jim Schacht '87, is a Pierce County Deputy Prosecutor.

**Lisa Napoli O'Toole** was elected King County District Court Judge. She has served as a judge pro tem, a King County prosecuting attorney, and a civil litigation attorney with the firm of Bogle & Gates.



## 1997

**Lisa Lackland**, formerly a partner at Lewis and Roca LLP in Las Vegas, joined Betts, Patterson & Mines, P.S. with a practice focused on complex commercial litigation, product liability, professional liability, health care and intellectual property. She has represented businesses in disputes over antitrust, deceptive trade practices, consumer protection, corporate governance, breach of contract, trade secrets, IP, and unfair competition.

## 1998

**Dan Shea** is director of compliance at Microsoft for Asia Pacific and Japan.

**G. Helen Whitener** was appointed by Gov. Inslee to the Pierce County Superior Court bench.

**Steve Zwerin** was hired by Providence Health to be a senior human resources strategic partner for Swedish Medical Center. As an HR leader, he advises the nursing management on legal and policy issues and helps them with employment strategy.

## 1994

**Julia J. Busono** joined Betts, Patterson & Mines, P.S. as a member of the Intellectual Property practicing group. She previously was a patent attorney with Seed IP Law Group and Lowe Graham Jones, PLLC. She has prepared and prosecuted patent applications in electronics, software, embedded systems, wireless telecommunication, and mechanical arts. She was an electrical design



## 2001

**Robert Pearson** joined Terrace Capital as director of business affairs. He has extensive real estate industry experience from his previous work with Empire Capital Partners LLC and Millpond Capital Partners LLC. Prior to transitioning into full-time business development in real estate, he had his own firm and served as general counsel for the National Realty Club, a New York City-based not-for-profit real estate group.

## 2002

**Janaya Carter** was named managing shareholder at RCO Legal, a Bellevue, Washington-based mortgage banking law firm dedicated to representing creditors' rights. She will work on several new client initiatives and oversee the firm's growth with a focus on recruiting and operations. She has served RCO Legal for 13 years and previously oversaw foreclosure and eviction practices in Washington and Oregon.

**Ann Rosato** won a \$16.5 million judgment for her client in an insurance bad faith case against Continental Casualty Company after a three-week trial in the U.S District Court for the Western District of Washington before Judge Marsha Pechman.

## 2003

**Kyle Joyce** is manager of the Election Division of the Kitsap County Auditor's office. He served for six years with the City of Seattle in a variety of management and special project roles. The Elections Division Manager is responsible for the administration of Kitsap's voter registration and elections services to more than 150,000 area voters. He resides in South Kitsap with his wife, Ryen, and two young sons, Nathan and Erik.

**Erik Rasmussen** joined Visa Inc. as the director of Payment System Cyber Security in Ashburn, Virginia, after over 10 years in public service, including nine years with the United States Secret Service.

## 2004

**Robyn Adams** was appointed general counsel and IP attorney for HaloSource, a clean water technology company. She manages all legal and intellectual property matters for the firm and its brands, and is a member of its leadership team. She has more than 15 years of experience in patent portfolio and intellectual property management.



**Warren L. Baker** and **Angela Carr Baker** (above) co-founded Fairview Law Group, PS, in Seattle.

**Elizabeth Baldwin** continues to teach legal research, analysis, and writing for international students in the UW LL.M. programs. She is also a writing advisor the Afghan Legal Education Support Program and for the first-year Ph.D. international students. Additionally, her article, "Beyond Contrastive Rhetoric: Helping International Lawyers use Cohesive Devices in U.S. Legal Writing," will be published in the Spring 2015 issue of the Florida Journal of International Law.

**Leslie Clark** joined Phillips Burgess PLLC, where she continues her land use and environmental practice.

**Regina Paulose** is chair of the Steering Committee for the United Kingdom Child Sex Abuse People's Tribunal. The Tribunal works to stop impunity of perpetrators of child sex abuse and encourage legal reforms in the UK. As part of the Tribunal educational outreach, an online law symposium is being held in April. More information can be found at [www.acontrarioicl.com](http://www.acontrarioicl.com)



**Jesse Souki** joined Imanaka Asato LLC, in Honolulu, where he leads the firm's Transit-Oriented Development Group. He assists clients with obtaining government approvals for development projects. He recently served as director of the State Office of Planning and first deputy director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, where he led statewide planning initiatives and public projects. Since 2007, he has maintained and contributed to Hawaii Land Use Law and Policy ([www.hilanduselaw.com](http://www.hilanduselaw.com)), which was recognized as a source for legal research by the Zoning and Planning Law Report.

## 2006

**Joanna Plichta Boisen** is a partner in the business group at Foster Pepper PLLC. She serves as the firm's pro bono counsel and chair of Tax-Exempt Organizations Industry Group. She and her team provide legal representation in virtually all areas of tax-exempt and charitable giving law. She is responsible for ensuring that the firm's corporate social responsibility initiatives align with its values and culture and managing the firm's wide-ranging pro bono cases and projects, while maintaining her own matters and clients. Last October, she received the Seattle Met Magazine's Light a Fire Award for Extraordinary Pro Bono Contribution for her work with the Domestic Violence Advocacy Project.



**Lindsey Camandona**, an attorney with McKinley Irvin, is president of the Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. This is her second year of a three-year term on the board.

**Angela R. Jones** was named partner at Perkins Coie and is a member of the firm's Litigation practice in the Seattle office. She focuses on white collar and investigations, corporate governance litigation, and other complex commercial litigation. She has broad experience in False Claims Act litigation. She has conducted numerous internal corporate investigations in a variety of contexts, including the False Claims Act and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and has defended clients in government investigations conducted by such agencies as the DOJ, SEC, FDIC, and FINRA. She has also handled corporate white collar and civil fraud matters and commercial disputes.



# class notes

## 2006 (cont.)



**Aubrey Seffernick** and her husband welcomed their first child, Conrad Miles, on Sept. 6, 2014. She was also named partner at the newly combined firm of Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, LLP.

## 2007

**Jared Allen** co-founded The Law Offices of Allen and Meyerand PLLC in Phoenix, Arizona, in 2013. Prior to launching his own firm, he worked as a deputy county attorney for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.



**Hozaifa Cassubhai** founded Cassubhai Law, PLLC in Seattle. A member of the law school's Law Alumni Board, he also is a trustee of the Federal Bar Association, Western District of Washington, and serves as president of the Board of Directors of the nonprofit Inter\*mCDA.



**Han Gim** was promoted to partner at the national law firm BakerHostetler. A member of the Intellectual Property Group, he has more than 27 years of combined experience in engineering and patent law. He represents a wide variety of clients in the fields of computer software and hardware, virtualization and cloud computing, networking and telecommunications, wireless technologies, electronic commerce, aviation, and various related technologies.

**Hilary Bramwell Mohr** and her husband, Dan Mohr, welcomed their second child, son Ivan Thomas Mohr, on August 5, 2014. He joins a sister, Iris Mohr. A principal attorney with Riddell Williams P.S. in Seattle, she practices in the area of creditors' rights litigation and bankruptcy.

**Jamal Whitehead** joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington as an assistant U.S. attorney in August. He works in the USAO's civil division.



## 2008

**Megan Gilkey Beimer** competed as a finalist in the 47th Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest in December. Her recipe for Chocolate Doughnut Poppers won the Weekend Breakfast Wows Category. She is married to **Scott Beimer '07**.

**Anthony Garasi** was promoted to partner in the Las Vegas office of Bremer Whyte Brown.

**Rebecca Stodola Soukakos** and her husband opened Omega Ouzeri in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood, featuring contemporary Greek food.

**Justin P. Walsh**, a member of the Law Alumni Board, opened his own firm, Issaquah Legal Services, PLLC.



## 2009

**Andy Buffington** and **Jill Yamamoto** welcomed a son, Roman John, March 13, 2014. Andy is an associate at Davies Pearson PC, where he practices workers' compensation and immigration law, and Jill is a deputy prosecuting attorney at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. They reside in Tacoma and have another son, Jake, who is 3.

**Joshua Curtis** is the owner of Curtis Law Group, PLLC in Tacoma.

**Ryan Edmondson** is a member of the Intellectual Property practicing group at Betts, Patterson & Mines, P.S. He focuses his practice on patent and other intellectual property litigation.



He has litigated intellectual property disputes throughout the United States and before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.



**Justin D. Farmer** launched Private Practice Transitions, Inc., providing business consulting and brokerage services to legal, health care, and financial professional services firm

owners interested in transferring ownership of their practices. As an attorney and real estate broker, he provides a full range of services. He also serves as director of legal projects in Seattle, Portland, and San Francisco for Robert Half Legal, where he oversees business development initiatives and the coordination of legal projects for law firms and corporate legal departments. He is a member of the law school's Law Alumni Board.

**Marsha T. Mavunkel** joined Ryan Swanson Cleveland PLLC as an associate in the firm's Immigration Group. She focuses her practice exclusively in the area of U.S. Immigration and Naturalization law, and advises both corporate and individual clients on all aspects of the immigration process.



## 2010

**Logan Bohman** is an associate attorney with Workland & Witherspoon PLLC in Spokane.

**Curtis Chambers** joined Betts, Patterson & Mines, P.S., focusing his practice on insurance defense litigation. He has experience with auto, commercial, premises liability, and first party insurance defense. He formerly practiced at a Washington insurance defense firm, where he independently managed automotive defense cases for a national carrier.



**Natalya Maze** has joined Carney Badley Spellman, P.S. as an associate attorney.

**Lindsay Noel** was elected secretary of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Young

Lawyers Division in January 2015. She is an associate at McKinley Irvin and practices family law.

**Jennifer Oswald** received a fellowship with the International Justice Mission. In January she moved to Ghana to help combat slavery of boys in the fishing industry. International Justice Mission works with local public justice systems in the developing world to protect the poor from violence.

**Rebecca Tillar** is the Title IX investigator and compliance officer at Brandeis University. The university hired her to take on the newly established position to help oversee Title IX investigations. She previously served as a lead investigator and judge advocate for the National Guard Bureau in the Washington, D.C. area. While in that position, she investigated a number of reports of sexual misconduct within the Army and Air National Guard.

## 2011

**Emily M. Gause** launched her own criminal defense firm, The Law Offices of Emily M. Gause PLLC, in November 2014. In her first three years as a lawyer, she worked alongside John Henry Browne, a nationally renowned criminal defense attorney. Her firm primarily handles felony criminal cases, both in state and federal courts throughout Washington.

**Bill Humphries** is an assistant United States Attorney in the District of Idaho.

**Cyrah Khan** is the new associate director of the Academic Resource Center at Seattle University School of Law. She has worked with the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington's Education Equity Department and served as the senior law clerk for Judge Linda C.J. Lee of the Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II. In 2013, she received a M.A. in education with a focus on policy formation and differentiated instruction. For fun, she trains in circus arts, mainly tumbling and trampoline, and jiu jitsu.

**Andra Kranzler** has transitioned her work from Columbia Legal Services to Skyway Solutions, assuming a community and economic development management position with the south Seattle nonprofit.

**Marcus D. Lee** and his wife, Katy, welcomed their first child, Abigail Jeanne, on March 19, 2014. And after a long application process, he was selected to the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps Reserves and commissioned as a first lieutenant. He completed both basic infantry training and a military law course at the U.S. Army Legal Center and School. After returning from active duty, he started a new job with the Government Accountability Office in Washington, D.C. as an analyst working on natural resource and environment issues.

**Collin Roberts** is now an inVigor Law Group Partner.



## 2012

**Kamron Graham** finished her first year as a nationally certified public guardian and conservator for Multnomah County in Portland, Oregon. She was elected chair of OGALLA-Oregon's LGBTQ bar association.



**Ryan Vollans**, an attorney at Betts, Patterson & Mines, P.S., focuses his practice on complex civil litigation, including personal injury, insurance defense, medical malpractice, and products liability.

## 2013

**Bree Blackhorse** was selected for a federal clerkship with the Honorable Brian Morris of the U.S. District Court in Great Falls, Montana. She previously worked as a youth advocate for United Indians of All Tribes Foundation, a social service provider offering educational, cultural, and social services to reconnect indigenous people in the Puget Sound region to their heritage.

**David Konkell** completed a one-year clerkship with U.S. District Judge William C. Griesbach in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and has joined Godfrey & Kahn in Milwaukee as an associate attorney.

**Liberty Upton** joined Helsell Fetterman as an associate attorney in the estate planning and taxation departments.

**Samuel Winninghoff** joined Helsell Fetterman as an associate attorney in the litigation group.

## 2014

**Kristina Markosova** joined Riddell Williams P.S.





# in memoriam

## 1975

**Francia Nita Luessen** died Dec. 26, 2014, in Everett, Washington. She earned several advanced degrees from the University of North Dakota and the University of Washington, including in French, Russian studies, and social work prior to earning her law degree. Most of her working life was spent in service of others as a counselor or social worker for the disadvantaged and Native Americans in Alaska, North Dakota, and Washington State. She was an activist for the rights of women and minorities and a student of Native American cultures. She donated her body to the University of Washington Medical Center for diabetic research and education.

**Gerald Howard Strauss** died July 26, 2014. A longtime resident of Half Moon Bay, he was a devoted employee of Goodman Lumber/Discount Building Supply for 36 years, working up until the day of his last illness. A graduate of Hillsdale High and the University of California Santa Barbara, he was an avid SF Giants and 49ers fan.

## 1978

**Bob Denomy** died on Jan. 19, 2015 while on vacation on Kauai. He traveled with his family in the Air Force before moving to Tacoma, where he graduated from Bellarmine Prep and earning both his undergrad and J.D. from the University of Puget Sound. He had a real estate law practice but was also a licensed real estate broker and a CPA. Tacoma was his community, and he served on the volunteer boards of many organizations - the Chamber of Commerce, Master Builders Association, UPS Alumni, UPS Trustee and Rotary 8. He was also a member of City Club, Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors, Washington Society of CPA's, and Tacoma Golf and Country Club.

## 1984

**Carrene M. Wood** died Nov. 10, 2013. She served as a lawyer, court commissioner, and judge pro-tem, but she also worked in real estate sales, residential building and remodeling, and was a secretary and a union representative. She was a member of the Mason County Bar Association and the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, where she served on the Legislative Committee and Judge/Commissioner Liaison committee, and the Washington State Bar Association Family Law subcommittee on child support. She was a pro bono attorney for Mason County Legal Services and Evergreen Legal Services.

## 1986

**Sondra Ann Sullins Lustgarten** died March 13, 2014 after a long illness. She was married nearly 50 years to her husband, Mike. At different points in her life, she was active in the PTA and many other voluntary programs, earned an M.A. in speech pathology and worked with children, and later became a family law attorney until retiring in 2001. She loved the practice of family law and volunteered with the Eastside Legal Assistance Program after she retired. According to her husband, some of her happiest days were carpooling with her fellow students to Tacoma to attend law school and some of her closest friendships were made at that time.

## 1989

**Marc Gianneschi** died Dec. 14, 2014 in a kayaking accident off the coast of Bainbridge Island. He was a partner at the firm Bennett Moran & Gianneschi in Silverdale, Washington.

## 1998

**Laurie Fall Morris** died Nov. 17, 2014. She dedicated her career to public defense. For 16 years, she worked for The Defender Association, King County's oldest public defender office, where she quickly developed into a strong litigator. In 2011, the office promoted her to supervise its team of investigators. She cherished her close relationship with her family including her husband, Daron, who is also a public defender, and her three children.

## 2004

**Sister Donna Fread, OSF** (formerly Sister Catherine Bernadette) died Sept. 6, 2014. She had been a professed member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia for 52 years. A lifelong learner, she earned a B.A. in history from Marylhurst University in Portland, an M.A. in education, and an M.A. in religious studies from Gonzaga University in addition to her J.D. From 2000-2014, she served on the Franciscan Health System Foundation, and also served both as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children and as an Immigration Court Observer. During those same years she was the Director of the Mission Fund for the Sisters of St. Francis.

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### April 6

Influential Voices with Daniel Capra "An Insider's Look at the Rulemaking Process"

### April 8

Film Discussion Series

### April 8

Professor Steve Bender, "Mea Culpa: Lessons on Law and Regret from U.S. History (Pigott Auditorium)"

### April 9

Managing Your Student Loan Debt, with Heather Jarvis

### April 10

CLE: Appeals in Washington: Judges and Lawyers in Conversation

### April 17

CLE: New Rules and Good Tools: Building Your Civil Procedure Toolbox

### April 18

RED Reunion: Reconnecting Every Decade

### April 21

CLE: Low Bono Brown Bag Series: 10 Mistakes New Lawyers Make (And Should Avoid)

### April 24

CLE: U.S. Supreme Court Review

### May 16

Commencement at KeyArena

### May 19

Low Bono Brown Bag Series: Marketing

### May 26

Berle VII Symposium

### June 15 - 19

CLE: Advanced Trial Advocacy Institute

### June 16

CLE: Low Bono Brown Bag Series: Your Initial Client Interview

### June 24 - 26

CLE: Mastering Legal Writing Certificate Program

### July 8-10

CLE: Indian Law Certificate Program

### July 22 - 24

CLE: Intellectual Property Certificate Program

### July 14 - 18

National Academy for IDEA Administrative Law Judges and Hearing Officers

### July 21

CLE: Low Bono Brown Bag Series: Effective Client Counseling

### July 21-23

2015 Applied Legal Storytelling Conference

### August 18 - 20

CLE: Health Law Certificate Program

### September 15

CLE: Low Bono Brown Bag Series: Different Billable Models